THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Seventh Plan including allocation of Central assistance to States under the modified Gadgil Formula was approved by the National Development Council in its meeting held on November 8-9, 1985. Any further change in the formula could be carried out only if approved by the National Development Council.

Indigenous Manufacture of VCD's and VCPs

2785. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start manufacturing VCRs and VCPs in the country;

(b) if so, by when indigenous VCRs and VCPs will be available in the market; and

(c) whether the country possesses the necessary technical know-how, if not, from which countries the know-how would be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While final decision regarding issue of Letter of Intents for VCR|VCP manufacture is yet to be taken, it is anticipated that VCR|VCP would be available indigenously in about 12—18 months after issue of Letter of Intents

(c) Necessary technical know-how for in depth manufacture of VCR|VCP is not available in the country.

Composite proposals for manufacture of VCR|VCP in foreign collaborations with companies from Japan, South Korea and Holland are being considered.

NCC Advisory Committees in States

2786. SHRI F M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of States do not have properly constituted NCC Advisory Committees;

(b) if so, which are these States;

(c) what is the number of colleges and schools which have been allowed to raise new units or sub-units without recommendations of the State Advisory Committees, during the last three years;

(d) what is the number of existing units or sub-units which have been disbanded during the last three years, without recommendations of the concerned State Advisory Committees; and

(e) what is the number of such persons as have been selected, trained and appointed during the last three years as NCC officers of Senior and Junior divisions, without recommendations of the concerned State Advisory Committees, as required under rule 43(2) of NCC rules, 1948?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The position is being ascertained from all the States.

(c) 75 Senior Division and 114-1|2 Junior Division NCC Units have been raised during the last 3 years. Recommendations of the State Advisory Committee for raising of new Units are not mandatory.

(d) No NCC Unit has been disbanded during the last 3 years.

(e) 854 Senior Division and 1317 Junior Division NCC Part Time Officers have been selected, trained and appointed during the last 3 years. As